

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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UNECONOMICAL RAIL LINES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of non-profitable railway lines in the country, State-wise; and
- (b) the action proposed to be taken by the Government with regard to these railway lines?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

- (a) There are 112 uneconomic branch lines in the country and such information is maintained Railway Zone-wise only and not State-wise.
- (b) Steps being taken include curtailment in staff strength, reduction in number of train services, dismantling of redundant sidings, introduction of rail bus services, observance of economy in operation etc.